

App. No. 10/084,258
Amendment Dated June 11, 2007
Reply to Office Action of December 11, 2006

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Office Action mailed December 11, 2006 has been received and the Examiner's comments carefully reviewed. Claims 1-3, 5, 8-11, 16-17, and 21-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Crow et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,262,724) (hereinafter "Crow") in further view of Modeste et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,852,800) (hereinafter "Modeste") and further in view of O'Rourke et al. (U.S. Publication No. 2002/0198953) (hereinafter "O'Rourke"). Claims 7 and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Crow, Modeste, and O'Rourke in further view of Adams (U.S. Publication No. 2002/0124100). Claims 4, 6, 12-15, and 18-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Crow, Modeste, and O'Rourke in further view of Wade (U.S. Publication No. 2002/0019831). Claim 22 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Crow, Modeste, and O'Rourke in further view of Flynn et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,567,918) (hereinafter "Flynn"). Claims 1-4, 10-16, and 18-22 have been amended. No new matter has been added.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments, all pending claims are believed to be allowable and the application is in condition for allowance. Therefore, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any further issues regarding this application, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney for the applicant at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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